August 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Andrew T. FAlkiewicz

Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT Proliferation of Anti-CIA Press STories

As you requested, here are some examples of the way in which anti-CIA stories circulate these days. I wish to point out that a strict statistical approach, that is in terms of the number of reprints, is not always accurately representative of the amount of exposure and damage. An additional difficulty, of course, is that we cannot guarantee having a full account of such reprints.

In general, the anti-CIA article follows a wellestablished pattern. It uses information - factual, associative, or speculative - which for the most part was published in the course of congressional investigations in the past and usually referred back to the 1950s and 1960s. Occasionally information has been obtained through FOIA channels and is immediately released to the press by people such as Morton Halperin, John Marks, and others.

Examples:

- The article in Playboy for September rehashed the old story of CIA-Hughes-Maheu connection with the additional allegation that CIA had directed the funneling of funds to 31 named members of Congress. Playboy publishers sent advance copies of the article to press representatives in Washington, bringing about wire service stories on the day of publication. The authors were interviewed on a network television morning show on two successive days and on a local morning talk show on one The story was carried, to our knowledge, in Chicago, and Madison, Wisconsin, and, prominently, in the London Daily Telegraph, filed by the paper's New York correspondent.
- John Marks obtained CIA records on experimentation with drugs in the 1950's. The materials were released to the press, bringing about "The CIA released documents today showing that..." type of stories. The "shocking" story was first printed in the Washington Star in its late edition on August 4, and on August 5 was carried in the New York Times,

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Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Daily News, Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, and Christian Science Monitor. The Sun ran an editorial pointing to the danger that mind-influencing drugs could be used on a national scale. Both TASS and the Moscow English-language radio Peace and Progress, also picked up this juicy story.

3. Final example of the way that this kind of story gets wide distribution is Howard Kohn's article in Rolling Stone of May 20, 1976. This is the article which, among other things, alleged that CIA contributed \$1 million to Governor Dewey in 1948. Rolling Stone apparently sent out press releases on this article some 2 or 3 weeks before its publication and some newspapers carried wire story on April 29 and May 2. Kohn appeared on a Washington morning talk show on June 10. We still get sporadic press queries referring to this article.

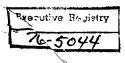
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August 24, 1976



Dear Mr. Rogers,

Thank you so much for your letter of August 19th, asking me to speak at your October General Meeting. Unfortunately, I'm going to have to regret. With my present job and responsibilities, I have vowed to stay as far away from politics as possible, and though I would love to do it, I must honor my promise.

Thanks again for thinking of me, however.

Sincerely,

George Bush

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August 19, 1976

Mr. George Bush Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505 I Fleen regul

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Washington and Lee University Republicans would be honored to have you as a guest speaker for our October General Meeting. One of our duties as a Republican Club is to expose the student body to our political viewpoints. In the past year, the students have heard a great number of liberal speakers including Democratic Senator William Proxmire, Democratic Congressman Morris Udall, and author Jimmy Breslin. In an effort to present the Republican views to as many students as possible, we are inviting you to speak.

Our club is the largest and most active student organization on campus. We have the ability to draw large numbers of students, faculty, and townspeople to hear speakers. If you choose to visit our campus, it would give you an opportunity to appear before a young and enthusiastic audience and would greatly benefit our club.

We are aware of your busy schedule; however, as our club also has a busy schedule before the November elections it would serve us well if we could learn of your decision as soon as possible. If you are able to visit our campus, please list the date or dates that you could come.

Please contact me at: Washington and Lee University Republicans Post Office Box 549 Lexington, Virginia 24450

Because of our limited budget, we are unable to pay any honorarium but we are more than willing to cover all your expenses.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am sincerely,

William C. Rogers III
WILLIAM C. ROGERS, III

President

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